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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An organosilicone compound comprising a unit of formula I

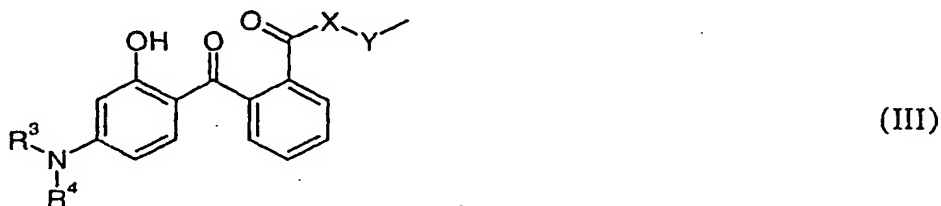


wherein

a is 0, 1 or 2,

R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, a saturated or unsaturated C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>30</sub>hydrocarbon group or a trimethylsilyloxy group; and

Z is an amino substituted hydroxybenzophenone of formula III



wherein

R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> independently are hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>cycloalkyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>cycloalkenyl or R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup>, together with the nitrogen atom they are bound to, form a 5 to 6 membered ring;

X is -O- or -NR<sup>5</sup>- wherein R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>cycloalkyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>cycloalkenyl; and

Y is a divalent C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>alkylene or alkenylene chain;

and, optionally, a unit of formula II



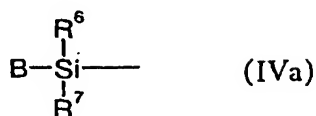
wherein

b is 0, 1, 2, 3; and

R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, a saturated or unsaturated C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>30</sub>hydrocarbon group or a trimethylsilyloxy group.

2. A linear diorgano-siloxane polymer comprising one structural unit of formula IVa and one structural unit of formula IVb

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s units of formula IVc



and r units of formula IVd



wherein

Z is as defined in claim 1;

 $\text{R}^1, \text{R}^6, \text{R}^7, \text{R}^8, \text{R}^9, \text{R}^{10}$  and  $\text{R}^{11}$  independently are as defined in claim 1 for  $\text{R}^2$ ;B and  $\text{B}'$  independently are a group Z or a group  $\text{R}^2$ ;

r is an integer from 0 to 200; and

s is an integer from 0 to 50, wherein at least B or  $\text{B}'$  is Z when s is 0.

3. A process for the preparation of an organosilicone compound according to claim 1 comprising reacting (hydrosilylating) an organosilicone compound comprising a unit of formula VI



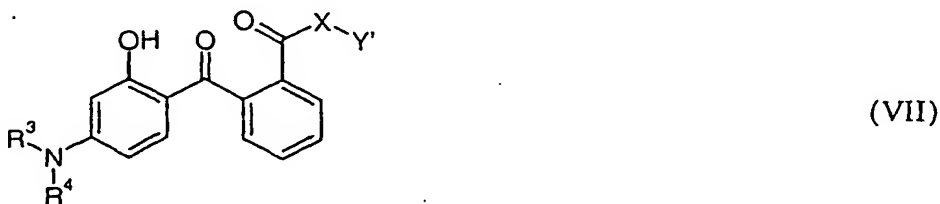
wherein

a is 0, 1 or 2; and

 $\text{R}^1$  is hydrogen, a saturated or unsaturated  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_{30}$ hydrocarbon group or a trimethylsilyloxy group;

and, optionally, a unit of formula II according to claim 1,

with a compound of formula VII



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in which  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  and X are as defined in claim 1 and Y' has the same definition as Y in claim 1, but is terminated either with a double or a triple bond.

4. A cosmetic composition comprising an organosilicone compound as in claim 1 together with cosmetically accepted adjuvants and additives.
5. A cosmetic composition comprising an organosilicone compound as in claim 1 for protecting human hair and/or skin against damage in which UVA irradiation plays a role or is implicated.
6. A method to the protection of human hair and/or skin against damage in which UVA irradiation plays a role or is implicated which comprises topically applying an effective amount of an organosilicone compound as in claim 1.
7. Use of an organosilicone compound as in claim 1 for protecting human hair and/or skin against damage in which UVA irradiation plays a role or is implicated.
8. The invention substantially as described hereinbefore, especially with reference to the Examples.

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